

The Family History Library Presents

# UNITED STATES RESEARCH SEMINAR

22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> August 2016

*Research at the World Famous Family History Library in Salt Lake City*



*All classes taught at the Family History Library  
35 N. West Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah*

**Classes Include: New England, Mid-Atlantic, Mid-South, Gulf South, Midwest, Great Plains, Pacific, and Mountain West Regions, U.S. Topics, FamilySearch classes and lunch time research activities**



**Week-Long Series**

**For Beginner to  
Intermediate Level  
Researchers**

**All Classes  
Taught as Webinars**

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Our Expert Staff**

**Roundtable Discussion**

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Research Seminar**

Class Schedule

United States Research Seminar

The Family History Library’s Research Specialists invite you to their free week-long United States Seminar. The seminar, which will be held August 22<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016, is perfect for beginning and intermediate genealogists interested in learning about U.S. regions and records, FamilySearch resources, and Family History Library collections.

Come and spend a week at the world renowned Family History Library learning from our expert staff genealogists on how to effectively use the FamilySearch Catalog, Historical Records, Research Wiki and more. This year various regions of the United States will be explored. Learn what records are unique and similar to each region. Discover new techniques, strategies, and methodology to apply to your genealogical research problems.

In house seating is limited to 120 attendees and this year all classes will be held as webinars except for the hands on activities. We ask that all participants register for the seminar. If you are attending in person please visit the following link to register:

<http://bit.ly/29yftnL>\*

If you are attending by webinar please visit the follow- ing link to register:

<http://bit.ly/29SVbmz>\*

Each in house participant will be provided a free spiral-bound syllabus containing all of the class handouts and materials. Those attending by webinar will be able to print the handouts at their home.

We hope this seminar will not only be informative and instructive, but that it will also encourage and inspire you to continue your family history research. Perhaps this seminar will be just what you need to break through that 20 year old brick wall research problem. We look forward to working with you!

\*We will use Eventbrite to process your registration. Your information will be processed in accordance with their privacy policy located at <http://www.eventbrite.com/privacypolicy>.

		Monday, 22 August	Tuesday, 23 August	Wednesday, 24 August	Thursday, 25 August	Friday, 26 August
8:30am – 9:30am	FamilySeasrch	<b>Using the Family History Library Catalog Effectively</b> <i>Joni Kesler, AG</i>  Learn how to identify books, microfilms, microfiche, and digital collections in the Family History Library’s catalog.	<b>Tips and Tricks for Using FamilySearch’s Historical Records Collection</b> <i>Joni Kesler, AG</i>  Learn how to search the Historical Records Collection indexes effectively and how to successfully navigate the unindexed browsable collections.	<b>FamilySearch Research Wiki</b> <i>Danielle Batson, AG, MLS</i>  The Wiki is a valuable research tool for learning about places, jurisdictions, migration routes, records, resources, and repositories. Come learn how to use this wonderful resource.	<b>FamilySearch Memories</b> <i>Beth Taylor</i>  Have you inherited all of your family’s photos and stories but you don’t know what to do with them? Have you inherited no photos and stories from your family but wish you have? Come learn how FamilySearch is helping those who inherited their family’s photos share them with their cous- ins who inherited nothing.	<b>Cousin Research</b> <i>Marilyn Markham, AG, CG, MLS</i>  Your ancestors had many descendants, including you. Learn effective ways to find your cousins, including those many times removed.
9:45am – 11:15am	Regional	<b>United States Research: New England Region</b> (CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, VT) <i>Jason Harrison</i>  Learn more about New England research, its history, key records, essential resources, and major repositories.	<b>United States Research: Mid-South Region</b> (KY, MD, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV) <i>Marilyn Markham, AG, CG, MLS</i>  Learn about family research for the Mid- South states, including history, key records online and off line, essential resources, and major repositories.	<b>United States Research: Midwest Region</b> (IL, IN, IA, MI, MN, MO, OH, WI) <i>Joan Healey, AG</i>  Learn about the common and unique records to find your ancestors in this section of the country.	<b>United States Research: Pacific States Region</b> (AK, CA, HA, OR, WA) <i>Marilyn Markham, AG, CG, MLS</i>  Learn about family research for the Pacific states, including history, key records online and off line, essential resources, and major repositories.	<b>United States Research: Big City Research</b> <i>Tim Bingaman, AG</i>  Learn what records to explore to find your ancestors in those large cities which seem impossible to find anyone.
11:30am – Noon	Hand-On Activity (optional)	<b>Personal Research or Hands on Activity: Finding a Family in pre-1850 Census Records:</b> <i>Beth Taylor</i>  In this activity we will discuss and demon- strate how to trace a family through pre- 1850 census records.	<b>Personal Research or Hands on Activity: Land Records, Understanding a Deed</b> <i>Beth Taylor</i>  During this activity we will focus on reading and interpreting a deed.	<b>Personal Research or Hands on Activity: Know a Little, Learn a Lot</b> <i>Beth Taylor</i>  For this activity we will use a common name found in a newspaper to demonstrate how to find and trace someone when you don’t have a lot of information to begin with.	<b>Personal Research or Hands on Activity: Records Tell a Story</b> <i>Beth Taylor</i>  Do your records tell a story? For this activity we will discuss how to find and understand the stories hidden in the records of your ancestors.	<b>Personal Research or Hands on Activity: Tackling a Brick Wall</b> <i>Beth Taylor</i>  This activity will use brick wall problems provided by you to demonstrate how to build a successful research plan and identify where to search next.
Noon – 1:15pm	Lunch	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	<b>Lunch Break</b> <b>Brown Bag Story Time</b> (Participants need to bring their own lunch)  The FHL research specialists will tell fun stories of some of their onsite research experiences.	Lunch Break	Lunch Break
1:15pm – 2:15pm	Record Type	<b>United States Census Techniques and Strategies for Finding Elusive Ancestors</b> <i>Jason Harrison</i>  Learn proven techniques and strategies for overcoming the pitfalls and challenges of census research to find those elusive ancestors.	<b>Immigration Into the United States</b> <i>David Dilts, AG</i>  This class explores the history, sources, and methodology associated with immigration research. Discover immigrant origins through the use of departure and arrival lists, church, military, vital records, societies, and more.	<b>United States Naturalization</b> <i>Danielle Batson, AG, MLS</i>  Learn about the naturalization process, the records created and the information they may contain.	<b>United States Federal Land Records</b> <i>Beth Taylor</i>  Since the American Revolution, the United States federal government has claimed and sold millions of acres of land throughout most of the country. Come learn about the laws that govern the way land is sold, the unique survey system developed for dividing the land, and the records created when your ancestors bought land from the U.S. federal government.	<b>United States Probate Records</b> <i>Tim Bingaman, AG</i>  Probate records include more than just wills. This class will examine what is included in probate records and how these records can help you flesh out a family history.
2:30pm – 4:00pm	Regional	<b>United States Research: Mid-Atlantic Region</b> (DE, NJ, NY, PA) <i>Tim Bingaman , AG</i>  Lack of vital records? No problem. Discover the various record types to assist you with research in the Mid- Atlantic Region.	<b>United States Research: Gulf South Region</b> (AL, AR, GA, FL, MS, LA, TX) <i>Joan Healey, AG</i>  Can’t get further South and stay on the main- land! This class will explore the records of the Gulf South States.	<b>United States Research: Great Plains Region</b> (KS, NE, ND, OK, SD) <i>Joni Kesler, AG</i>  Learn the history of the Great Plains states, key records, resources, and major repositories.	<b>United States Research: Mountain West Region</b> (AZ, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, WY) <i>Marilyn Markham, AG, CG, MLS</i>  Learn about family research for the Mountain West states, including history, key records online and off line, essential resources, and major repositories.	<b>Roundtable Discussion: Questions and Answers</b> <i>Presenters</i>  During this session all instructors will be available to answer general research questions.

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## Presenter Biographies

**Beth Taylor** works as a Research Specialist for FamilySearch. She holds a BA of History from Brigham Young University (2005) and was awarded the status of Certified Genealogist from the Board for the Certification of Genealogists in 2010. Her specialties and interests include Quakers, DNA, land records, and probate records. For more information, see <https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/User:TaylorBE>

**Danielle L. Batson, AG, MLS** spent 13 years working as a U.S. and Canada Research Specialist at the Family History Library. Her current assignment is working on content projects in the FamilySearch Research Wiki. Her research experience includes African-American research, the Midwest, South, and Mid-Atlantic States. She has taught genealogy research classes at the Family History Library and various genealogical conferences including FGS in San Antonio and BYU's Conference on Family History and Genealogy.

**David Dilts, AG** has been employed with the Family History Library since September 1975 as a cataloger of German, Austrian, Swiss and Polish records then as a Research Specialist. He earned his Master's degree in Library Science from BYU and completed three years of doctoral work in history at the University of Utah. He is accredited in German and LDS research and has great experience in researching, writing and lecturing on genealogical topics.

**Joan Healey, AG** is a native of Salt Lake City and earned a Bachelor's degree from the University of Utah. Joan has worked as a Research Specialist at the Family History Library since 1976, taking a short break to be the record attendant supervisor in British and European Reference. She nurtures an interest in American Indian and African American research, and has contributed to the FamilySearch Research Wiki.

**Jason Harrison** currently works in the Family History Library's Hosting and Research Services. He received his B.A. in Family History from Brigham Young University, is a former New England Historic Genealogical Society intern, and National Genealogical Society conference lecturer. His research specialties include New England, Mountain states, and LDS research.

**Joni Kesler, BS, AG** has been with the Family History Library for 30 years. She has worked in the United States, British, Hosting and VIP units. She currently works as a Research Specialist assigned to the Outreach and Discovery Team. Joni enjoys reading and spending time with her family of four daughters, four granddaughters, and one grandson.

**Marilyn Markham, AG, CG, MLS** has been with the Family History Department since 1984. Working in numerous positions: cataloger, reference librarian, acquisitions control analyst, restrictions team leader, collection management, learning and the consultant services team. Marilyn is currently assigned as a Research Specialist in the Family History Library.

**Tim Bingaman, AG** has worked at the Family History Library since 1990 acquiring his AG in Mid-Atlantic States in 1991. A member of the Historical Society of Berks County, Pennsylvania and the Berks County Genealogical Society, Tim has made numerous trips to Pennsylvania where he spends a great deal of time visiting societies, courthouses, cemeteries and the neighborhoods where his ancestors lived.

## Parking and Area Map of Downtown Salt Lake City

**Parking between 200 West and 300 West is \$3.00 per day with no re-entry. Enter on 3<sup>rd</sup> West.**

**Parking to the west of the Conference Center is \$8.00 per day. Enter on West Temple.**

**Parking at the Plaza Hotel is \$10.00 per day. Enter on South Temple.**

**UTA TRAX is also an option for those who want to commute. The Temple Square stop is located in front of the Plaza Hotel.**



The map illustrates the Temple Square area in Salt Lake City, Utah, with various landmarks and parking locations. Key features include:

- Streets:** 400 WEST, 300 WEST, 200 WEST, WEST TEMPLE, MAIN STREET, STATE STREET, 200 NORTH, 100 SOUTH, SOUTH TEMPLE.
- Landmarks:** Conference Center, Church History Library, Church Office Building, Joseph Smith Memorial Building, Tabernacle, Temple, Assembly Hall, S. Visitors' Center, N. Visitors' Center, Museum, Family History Library, Abravanel Hall, Salt Palace Convention Center, City Creek Center, Energy-Solutions Arena, TRIAD CENTER LOT, LDSBC, KSL.
- Parking Areas:**
  - West Temple Lot:** Exclusively handicap parking during Conference Center events. West Office Building.
  - THE PARKING PLACE LOT:** A large red rectangular area.
  - City Creek Center:** Multiple parking areas marked with 'P' and arrows.
  - Triad Center Lot:** Marked with a 'P' and an arrow.
- Other Features:** Above ground public parking (marked with a red 'P' in a circle), Underground public parking entrance (marked with a purple arrow and a 'P' in a circle), Temple Square Trax Stop, and a red star marking the Family History Library.